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**Washington D.C. 20231**

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): James Conlow  
For: System and Method for Efficient Presentment and Payment of Bills  
From Multiple Independent Entities in a Hierarchically Structured  
Business Project

Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27  
(independent inventor and small business concern)

Enclosed are:

39 Pages of specifications  
25 Pages of claims  
1 Page of Abstract  
17 Sheets of drawings  
An oath executed by the inventor

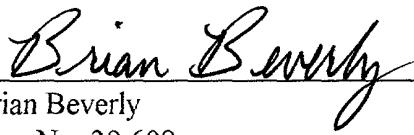
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